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CANCER CURE CON CRACKED

A BUSINESSMAN has been handed a six month suspended prison sentence and his company fined £10,000 for selling potentially toxic products which he falsely claimed could cure and prevent

Essex Trading Standards investigated Roger Shelley who was selling courses of 'metabolic therapy' treatments, costing £500 a month, as a treatment to prevent or cure cancer.

Shelley, 67, of Olivia Drive, Leigh, stood trial at Basildon Crown Court on Monday, February 2.
Essex County Councillor Trading

Standard lead, Roger Walters said the case was a result of a long and complex investigation by Essex Trading Standards.

The investigation needed permission

from the secretary of state in order to prosecute under the Human Medicines

Regulations.

Mr Walters said: "Trading Standards advice to people who are considering whether to take any substance not prescribed for a medical purpose, either preventative or as a treatment, is to consult their doctor first.

"I hope the public feel safer knowing that Essex Trading Standards will take action where traders are trying to sell products which are neither medically proven nor safe.

"It tool nearly 12 months to conclude the investigation, as it involved meticulously searching through computer files going back ten years which revealed victims across Europe."

Mr Shelley, owner and director to The Vitamin Service Ltd, based in Leigh, was accused of selling a 'metabolic therapy' containing vitamin B17 on their Vitamin Service websites.

At the same time he was linked to another website www.worldwithoutcancer.org.uk, which claimed metabolic therapy was non-toxic and could prevent or cure cancer.

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MURAL: Rebbeca Hawkridge with her mural in Mad Hatter's Coffee Shop

AN art student at South Essex College has helped transform a coffee shop into a wonderland.

Rebecca Hawkridge, a second year level three extended diploma in art and design, created giant murals on the walls of Mad Hatter's Coffee Shop, in Queens Road.

The 18 year old from Benfleet was chosen to do the work by the coffee shop's owner after she submitted some sketches and design ideas to embrace its name.

Visitors to the coffee shop are now enjoying Rebecca's creations of wonderland characters during their stay.

Rebecca said she was really excited to be involved in

the project. She said: "It's a dream come true really. To be able to work on something like this was amazing and really put me to the test.

"Everything I had learnt at the college went into making this as good as I could and and I'm really pleased with the outcome.

"It is one thing to draw sketches and ideas on paper, but a whole new challenge to make them into giant murals.

"My tutors have been great and they are always encouraging us to get involved in projects so it gave me the confidence to go for it and I'm really glad I did."

Rebecca is now working on other designs for another wall in the coffee shop.

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Computer 'chaos' only minor say fire chiefs

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FIRE service chiefs have played down reports that their new computer system is 'in chaos'

The Fire Brigade Union claimed last week that a new 'state-of-the-art' system for dispatching firefighters to emergencies had 'collapsed after repeated and multiple faults'.

Firefighters said they had reported

more than 100 problems, but Essex County Fire and Rescue Service (ECFRS) suggested their severity was exaggerated to justify an ongoing dis-pute over shift arrangements in the control room.

A public statement issued by the union claimed the system had sent 'the wrong fire appliances' to emergencies and listed crews as 'unavailable' when they were actually waiting to be dispatched.

The statement said: "Fire appliances across the county have been sent to the wrong addresses and in some cases fire engines from Harlow have been sent to Colchester.

"Service managers began by describing the situation as 'minor teething problems' and even suggested the control staff were making 'user errors', until the system finally collapsed com-

"Fire control operators were forced to revert to 1950s-style methods, jotting notes on pads and informing the fire station of emergencies by phone."

Alan Chinn-Saw, union secretary, said: "We have over 100 examples of problems with the new system and this is inevitably resulting in delays to fire

appliances arriving at emergencies.
"This shambles is resulting in unnecessary risks to both the public and the firefighters attending these incidents. Until these major problems are corrected, the system is not fit for pur-



AT ODDS: Firefighters, like those seen above tackling a blaze at Laindon's Triangle shopping centre, said computer glitches were delaying emergency response times. But fire chiefs said suggested claims were being exaggerated to justify a dispute over control room staffing changes, which caused recent strikes

However, Essex County Fire and Rescue Service insisted there was no increased risk to the public.

Assistant chief fire officer Paul Hill said: "After 30 years operating one system the changeover was always going to be a huge undertaking, as it would have been for any organisation. We have the added pressure of working in an emergency situation with life at

'We have not missed a single incident or failed to mobilise to an inci-dent since the switch-over, and the public should be reassured that if they dial 999, we will respond as we always have. At no point was our 999 service to the public offline.

"We receive, on average, around 30 calls a day, of which 40 per cent are false alarms – so it would be surprising that with four control operators in the room at any one time, they could not handle effectively 15 emergency situa-tions over a 24-hour period. "The system itself is highly complex

and is linked to a number of other systems.

"We have already got the vast majority of it absolutely right and where we come across unplanned difficulties, we deal with these as quickly as possible.'

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Woman injured

A WOMAN had to be cut free from her car after she was involved in a collision.

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NEWS



CHARITABLE: Jill Shephard, Noah Challis and Lyn Barnes at Artability, Leigh-on-Sea
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Noah helps charity users take a holiday

A YOUNG churchgoer has raised money to help people with learning difficulties go on holiday.

Noah Challis held a coffee morning at St Teresa's church, in Rochford. Through selling teas, coffees and cakes the nine-year-old raised more than £163 for Artability, in Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, a training enterprise shop for adults with learning dif-

The charity helps people to develop their cre-

ative skills. They make items upstairs and sell them downstairs in the shop, giving them craft skills as well as retail knowledge.

Lyn Barnes, manager at Artability, said the

money would go on an annual trip for the ser-

She said: "Once a year we go away and take photos of the surrounding areas.
"When we come back we paint pictures of the

photos and sell them."

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Vitamin B17, also known as amygdalin and laetrile, is a cyanogenic substance which can cause cyanide poisoning.

It is a prescription-only medication in the UK and there are no licensed medicines containing

Mr Shelley was given a sixmonth prison sentence, suspended for 12 months, for each of the six charges, to run concurrently and a 120-hour unpaid work order.

His company was ordered to pay a £10,000 fine and a £15 victim surcharge

Mr Shelley and his company were charged with three offences under the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008 and two offences under the Human Medicines Regulations 2012 between February 2012 and August 2013.

He entered a guilty plea for every charge.

Special charity night to raise money for ill mother-of-two

A DJ will be holding a charity night at the Westcliff Hotel to raise money for a mother who has had her legs and fingers amputated.

Tony Robertson read about Tracy Ralph who went into hospital with pneumonia last Christmas Eve and he decided he wanted to raise some money for her.

Tracy, 34, a mother-oftwo, was placed in an induced coma and was found to have a combination of meningitis, septicaemia, blood clots and bleeding on the brain.

Before her illness, she was training for this year's London Marathon.

So far £113,500 has been raised for Tracy who had both legs amputated below

Mr Robertson, who is arranging the event at the hotel in Westcliff Parade, said he wanted to help raise

money to help the family.

He said: "The night will be full of 70s and 80s soul and jazz funk.

"For every ticket we sell we are giving £2 of that to "I want to do an event like

this every month just the other day I was reading about a mother who died in her sleep.

"It is sad and we want to help Tracy by raising some cash for her."

Tickets cost £5 each and can be bought from the hotel or from Tony by call-

ing 07900 627243.

The night will be held on Saturday, February 28, between 8pm and 1am.



Police appeal for witnesses after sexual assault

OFFICERS investigating a sexual assault are appealing for witnesses to

A Rayleigh woman in her 20s was assaulted by two men in an alleyway off East Street in the town.

It happened at around 10.30pm on

The men tried to assault her by grabbing at her clothes but ran off when she struggled.

The woman suffered a bruised face and reported the incident to police the DC Glen Crosby, of Southend CID, said although the incident happened some weeks ago he wanted any witnesses to come forward.

He said: "Somebody may remember

what happened or may have seen two men acting suspiciously around the time

"The alleyway is quite well used as it is near the train station.

"We are hoping this appeal may give us some witnesses

Anybody cho can help is asked to contact DC Crosby at Southend on 101

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Running in memory of former colleague

A FORMER YA sub-editor will run two half-marathons in two weeks, in memory of his best friend and former colleague.

Martyn Dolton, 29, now a PR executive for South Essex College, will complete the two 13-mile courses in memory of former YA reporter Paul Peterson, who passed away last year.

Paul, who suffered from muscular dystrophy and dilated cardiomyopathy, died at Basildon Hospital, age 34, on July 30, 2014.

He was known in the YA office as 'Wheels', a nickname he chose due to his use of an electric wheelchair.

Martyn will complete the two lengthy runs next month to raise money for two charities close to Paul's heart – the Muscular Dystrophy Campaign and the British Heart Foundation.

On March 1, the motor sport fanatic will tackle the Brands Hatch race track on foot. Two weeks later, on March 15, he will run around the track at Silverstone.

Admitting that he expected the double fundraiser to be 'quite brutal', he said: "I'm doing it more for the achievement than trying to



break any record. The only thing I'm likely to break is a hamstring. This is my third time doing the Silverstone Half-Marathon but I've never done two so close together

"I ran last year for Mission Motor Sport, which helps injured army personnel get into motor sport. I wasn't sure who to run for this year

but after Wheels passed away I knew straight away that it had to be Muscular Dystrophy Campaign.
"I wasn't sure whether to do two in

a row but then my friend told me that the Brands Hatch race was all for the British Heart Foundation. That was a charity very close to Wheels, and close to me because of Wheels.

"I took it as a sign that I should double my charity efforts. I'm regretting it a bit now. It's going to be emotional – but I don't care if I'm crawling by the end, as long as I complete it."

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Celebrations for charity

A SOCIAL care charity in Southend has been celebrating its 25th anniversary

Vibrance Self Directed Support Services (Southend SDS Service), received a silver trophy on Thursday, February 5, when staff received kicked off two weeks worth of celebrations

The trophy will then be passed on in a relay fashion to Parkstone Care Home, Benfleet, to carry on the celebrations.

Southend SDS Service, managed by Vibrance, helps people with disabilities and their families to understand every aspect of direct payments and personal budgets, as well as supporting people with payroll and fund holding services.

The charity's manager, Claire Emmins, said she was excited to be celebrating the anniversary with Southend service users and the local

She said: "The service has continuously grown since we began working here in Southend and really

changing, empowering people to have more choice to live their lives as they choose."

Paul Allen, chief executive of Vibrance, said the year would be packed full of events to bring all 26

of the services it runs together.

He said: "I can't wait to see what the next 25 years has in store for us.

"The world of social care is changing, from one where services were commissioned via large block contracts that only allow very limited choice to the people using them, to one where those eligible for social care funding have their own individual budget in order to choose and adapt their care.

"At Vibrance, we're welcoming that change.

"It's a perfect match to our ethos of enabling people who use our services to be in control of their lives.

"I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who has been involved in Vibrance since we started."



Rail company cuts price of peak tickets

RAIL commuters will be able to get 50 per cent off peak tickets on the c2c line for the whole of February

Since Christmas, more than 1,000 rail passengers have purchased dis-counted tickets online.

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Commercial director of c2c, Ruth Harrison Wood, said originally the discount was only available in January. She said: "There's been a really popular response to the offer

from our passengers.
"That's why we decided to extend our 50 per cent discount offer for journeys in February too.'

The offer is available for any weekday return journey on the c2c route during February, once the morning peak-time travel has finished.

Full details are available at http://www.c2c-online.co.uk/tickets-and-fares/half-price-rail-sale



Volunteers give garden a makeover

A GARDEN is being improved by volunteers so members of the Mendip estate community can enjoy it.

The Can Do project has been funded by the Leonard Cheshire Disability charity.

Maria Medina took up the post of project co-ordinator for the charity last September

for a period of one year.

Maria said she believed people with disabilities and learning difficulties can make excellent volunteers and colleagues as they are enthusiastic to learn new skills and are

grateful for the opportunity to work. She said: "We want them to focus on what they can do rather than what they cannot."

Residents of the Mendip estate, who live near the Mendip Wildlife Garden, in Westcliff, recently approached South Essex Homes for help.

Stuart Long, development manager at South Essex Homes, said the area would be transformed over a 10-week period.

He said: "We have provided funding for the

tools and equipment and Maria from Leonard Cheshire is recruiting the volunteers, to make residents' plans a reality at the Mendip Wildlife Garden.

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LITTLE ROYALTY CLUB: Ryan the Lion with some of his Little Royalty members

Enjoy a right royal welcome at fun day

A PACKED programme of singing, dancing, games and craft sessions will take place at The Royals Shopping Centre, Southend High Street, on Wednesday, February 18.

Ryan the Lion will be leading members of his Little Royalty club through a series of activities with prizes on offer, between 11am and 4pm.

If children have not already signed up for Little Royalty, they can do so by visiting www.roy-

alsshoppingcentre.co.uk.
In return children will receive a T-shirt, membership wristband, colouring book and crayons all packed into a Little Royalty bag

Regular updates will also be sent out to tell people about free events and special occasions taking place in The Royal Shopping Centre.

Dawn Jeakings, centre manager, said the Little Royalty club was perfect for children aged between three and nine.
She said: "The Family Fun Day falls right in

the middle of half-term, usually that tipping point between excitement that there's no school

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Wine shop couple toast national award success

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Karen, 50, from Bethnal Green, east London, who works for Essex LPC, a Chelmsford phar-

maceutical company. entered the Southend Business Partnership survey draw, which was designed to find out what people think of the airport and what developments they wanted to see there

On a visit to the airport to collect her prize from operations director Jason Ivey, Karen said she was thrilled as she never won anything before. She said: "In fact

when Jason called to tell me the good news, I thought it was a crank call.

"I am really excited as I have never travelled from Southend, but hear so many great things about how fast and friendly it is, so I cannot wait to try it out for myself."

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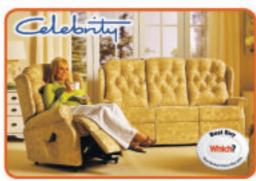
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Dealing with internet abuse

Commissioner wants to prosecute internet users who wrote

critical comments about an MP. Scrutiny boss Nick Alston said he would oversee a police investigation into comments about Conservative MP Jackie Doyle-Price to see whether officers could pursue the online critics.

Ms Doyle-Price, MP for Thurrock, claimed on Twitter that she had seen people post-ing "unpleasant" comments about her on internet forums and on Facebook.

She wrote on February 3: "Wow, amazing how unpleasant some people can be behind a keyboard. Death threats, slan-



Commissioner Nick Alston

der and sexist abuse just for doing my job.'

Encouraged Encouraged by another Twitter user to "name and shame" the culprits by re-posting offensive tweets onto her own page, she claimed the abusers were not "brave" enough to message her directly. Describing her critics as "inadequate folk", she said they had posted their comments on "Facebook and forums".

In a statement issued on Monday, Mr Alston said: "It is completely unacceptable that the MP has been subject to vile and disgusting abuse and threats on social media.

"I will follow the progress of any Essex Police investigation closely and I am keen to learn if our laws are strong enough to address such abusive behaviour against not just elected representatives but all members of our communities.



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COUNCIL AND HOUSING ASSOCIATION TENANTS - ARE YOU **UP TO DATE WITH RIGHT TO BUY?**

Right to Buy is the scheme that helps eligible council and housing association tenants buy their home by offering a discount on the purchase price.

Since the scheme was refreshed in April 2012 the discounts have increased. Currently, eligible tenants can get up to 70% off the cost of their house or flat up to a maximum cash discount of £77,000 in England, and £102,700 if you live in London. Each year these discounts will increase by the rate of inflation. Since 2012 nearly 30,000 people in England have become homeowners through the Right to Buy scheme.

Could this be the right time for you - or somebody you know - to join them?
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- Can you confirm that you do not live in sheltered housing or other housing designed for elderly or disabled people?

In addition, tenants need to be free from legal problems with debt or outstanding possession orders, and their home isn't due to be demolished.

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The one-off costs could include stamp duty. professional fees for a survey, conveyancing and other legal costs. The ongoing costs include mortgage or loan repayments, repairs and maintenance. If the property is leasehold (usually a flat) there will be an annual service charge and ground rent.

There is plenty of guidance available on our website to help you add up what this means



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The Government's Right to Buy Agent service can also help you throughout the Right to Buy process from applying to completing. The advisers can provide information on finding a mortgage, appointing a solicitor and arranging a survey.

If you are midway through buying and have a problem, get in touch with the Agent service and they can advise you.

The advisers are available from Monday to Friday, 8am until 6pm. You can phone them on 0300 123 0913.

WHAT TO DO NEXT

If you decide that home ownership is the right choice for you, and you want to find out more about Right to Buy, have a look at our website. If you decide to go ahead you will need to fill in the application form and take the process forward with your landlord.

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SOUTHEND Association Voluntary Services (SAVS) has £5,000 to fund its Supported Volunteering Project, which assists people who may have mental health problems into volunteering.

The project gives one-to-one support to increase people's confidence and feelings of self-worth.

The grant was provided by the Santander Foundation which offers grants to UK charities helping disadvantaged people in local communities.

Rachel Rooks, Volunteering Project worker at SAVS, said: "We are very thankful to Santander. We are also grateful to Lesley who applied for this fund on our behalf.

"The project has been support-ing Lesley since 2011 after she was referred over by the local mental health team.

"Lesley has a diagnosis of depression and anxiety and wanted support to find volunteering

"Lesley has always been very involved with supporting the project. She advises and guides us with her own experiences of mental health and insight into how organisations can support people



PRESENTATION: Darren Grenfell (Santander), Lesley Jones, Rachel Rooks and Alison Semmence with Grant Wyatt (Santander)

with mental health conditions.

"She is a wonderful advocate for mental health in Southend. She currently volunteers for SAVS on our reception.

Grenfell Darren Santander's Southend branch said the foundation makes hundreds of donations every year to good caus-

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es throughout the UK. He said: "Our branch is commit-

ted to playing a key part in the community and we are delighted to be supporting the Supported Volunteering Project at Southend Association of Voluntary Services and hope the donation makes a real difference to local people."



BLOOMING: Lyn Boulter at Age Concern

Age Concern set for Valentine's Day get-together

AGE Concern is holding a Valentine's Day get-together on Saturday.

Seniors are invited to visit the charity's offices in Hamlet Court Road, Westcliff.

Lyn Boulter, chief executive at Southend Age Concern, said: "The Valentine's Get-Together is for people to come along and have a look at what goes on in the office

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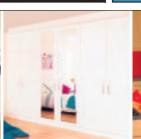
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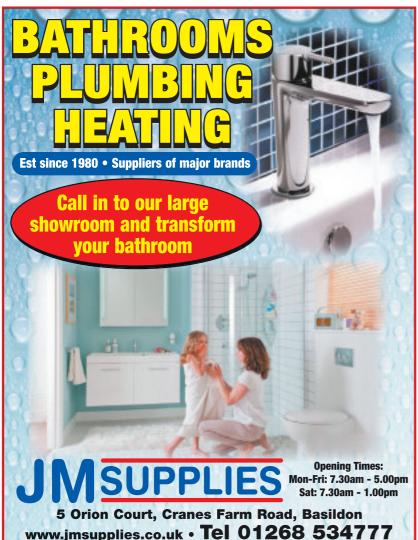
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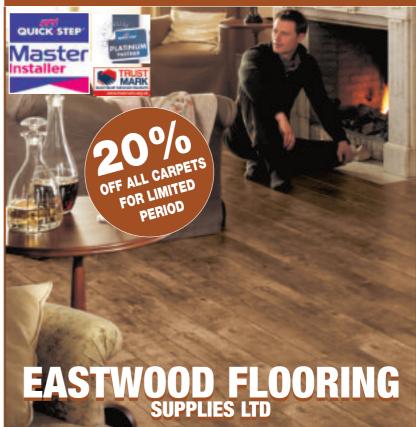


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further moderation in house price growth is likely this year. Prices nationally are expected to increase in a range of 3-5 per cent.

The prospect of higher interest rates at some point this year and the deterioration in affordability over the past year are expected to be key factors curbing housing demand.

But demand should be supported by solid economic growth, higher employment, still low mortgage rates and the first gain in 'real' earnings for several years. Expect to see a more even regional pattern in price growth during 2015. Further ahead, price growth is expected to rise broadly in line with income growth, as rising interest rates increase the affordability constraint on the market. Higher levels of housebuilding should also limit upward house price pressure.

upward house price pressure. Halifax's housing economist, Martin Ellis, gives his thoughts on the housing market for the year ahead.

for the year ahead.

"The fortunes of the housing market are closely tied to developments in the wider economy. The strengthening in the UK economy has contributed to higher housing demand over the past 18-24 months. There has been an increase in the number of buyers, fuelled by rising confidence and the improved cost and availability of credit. Higher



demand, however, has not been matched by an increase in the number of sellers in the market, resulting in strong upward pressure on house prices in some parts of the UK

on house prices in some parts of the UK.

"The deterioration in housing affordability as a result of higher house prices, earnings growth that has been consistently below consumer price inflation until very recently and increased talk of an interest rate rise, appear to have combined to temper housing demand since the summer.

"Tighter mortgage rules may also have acted as a brake on activity. The weakening in housing demand has led to a modest easing in both price growth and sales.

"House prices in the three months to

"House prices in the three months to October were 0.8 per cent higher than in the preceding three months. This was the third consecutive decline in the quarterly rate of increase and the smallest rise since December 2012. Annual price growth in the three months to October slowed to 8.8 per cent from 9.6 per cent in September. Activity has also declined with mortgage approvals in September falling for the third successive month to a 14-month low, whilst home sales are at their lowest level since October 2013.

Growth in economic activity has eased but expected to remain robust in 2015

"There has been a slight easing in economic momentum during the second half of 2014, mainly reflecting global economic developments, particularly the slowdown in the euro zone. Despite slowing moderately, the pace of growth remains robust. Moreover, the UK economy has moved from a period of prolonged stagnation to growth at, or above, its long run trend over the past 18 months or so. "Overall, UK economic activity is forecast to

grow by around 3 per cent in 2015.
"Signs that tightening conditions in the labour market are translating into stronger

wage growth are now becoming apparent. "Official data indicates an acceleration in regular annual pay growth to 1.3 per cent in September from 0.9 per cent previously, driven by a pick-up in private sector wages.

"Whilst wage growth remains modest, the

increase has been sufficient to close the gap with the current rate of consumer price inflation (1.3 per cent), helping to relieve some of the pressure on household finances. This trend in wage growth is expected to continue, providing the recovery with an additional boost.

House price growth to moderate further

this year...
"Annual house price inflation is expected to have peaked at around 10 per cent in July 2014. A further moderation in house price growth is likely this year as supply and demand become increasingly better balanced. The prospect of higher interest rates at some point in the year and reduced affordability are expected to be key factors curbing housing demand. A looming general election in May could also raise uncertainty, resulting in a lull in activity in the early months of the year.

"Despite these downward pressures, housing demand should be supported by continuing economic recovery, growth in employment and still low mortgage rates.

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Five bedroom house, Somerset Estate, Westcliff £385,000

Very impressive five bedroom semi detached family house with 65' west facing garden, large garage and parking for 3 cars. Highly sought after location where properties rarely become available. Walking distance of The High Schools. 5 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, lounge with 9'7 high ceiling and feature fireplace, separate dining room, spacious fitted kitchen. We strongly advise an early appointment to view. Ref etl 5307





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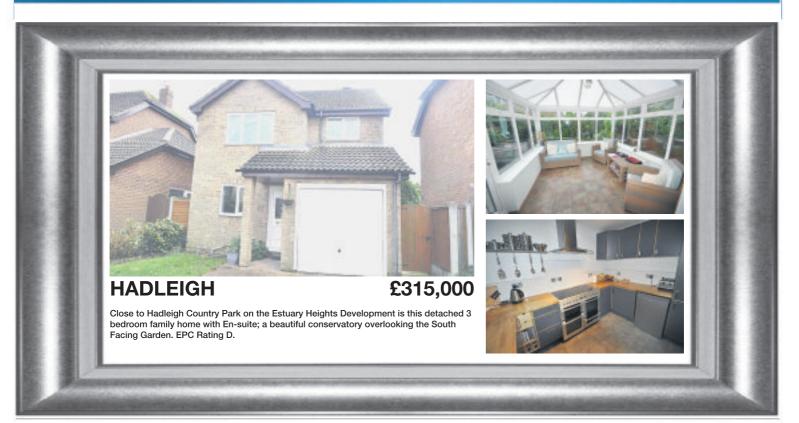
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Southend-on-Sea £235,000

Offering some Estuary glimpses is this extremely well presented three bedroom end terraced house. Completely renovated property. Open plan to ground floor accommodation. Quality fitted kitchen and bathroom plus en-suite. Small courtyard garden and parking to the front. Easy access to the seafront and all local amenities No onward chain. **EPC: D**



Westcliff-on-Sea £99,950

Spacious one bedroom ground floor flat. Spacious lounge 16'4 x 15'8. Moderr fitted kitchen/breakfast room 11'6 x 10'4. Modern bathroom/w.c with white suite Bedroom 17' x 10'6 plus door recess. Small enclosed courtyard style garden. Excellent condition. Close to Westcliff railway station & Hamlet Court Road shopping centre. Ideal first purchase. Early viewing advised. EPC: D



Clifftown Conservation Area £495.000

Unique opportunity to purchase a four bedroom Victorian four storey house overlooking the Bowling Green. En-suites to four double bedrooms. Lounge 14' x 13. Further basement bedrooms and reception rooms, Kitchen/diner 13' x 12' Detached garage 16' x 15' plus additional parking to the rear. South facing rear garden. Some refurbishment required throughout the property. **EPC: TBC**



Southend-on-Sea £124,995

A light and airy two bedroom first floor flat within close proximity of town centre and mainline railway stations. Lounge 17' x 12'. South facing balcony with views over Warrior Square. Majority double glazed. Gas fired central heating (not tested) New lease. Parking permits available. No onward chain. EPC: D



Milton Conservation Area £149,995

Large first floor flat located in the Milton Conservation Area. Two double bedrooms. Lounge 16' x 13'. Kitchen 11' x 8'. Family bathroom. Gas fired heating. Allocated parking. Close proximity to town centre and tran stations. Ideal investment opportunity. Good rental income. EPC: F



Wescliff-on-Sea £386.995

Unique opporutnity to purchase this double fronted four bedroom detached family house. Close proximity of Chalkwell Park. Central entrance hallway. Lounge 16'7 x 13'3 max. Dining room 15'7 x 11'6. Breakfast/morning room 13'8 x 10'3. Fully fitted kitchen 10'6 x 8'8. Separate utility oom with w.c. Bathroom. Separate w.c. Gas central heating. Lawned west backing rear garden Garage. Well maintained. Many character features. Immediate viewing advised. **EPC: F**



Southend-on-Sea £185,000

Spacious two bedroom ground floor purpose built apartment located just off Southend seafront Sealed unit double glazing. Wooden internal doors. Electric heating. Master bedroom with ensuite shower room. Bedroom two 14'8 x 6' plus deep door recess. Bathroom/w.c. Lounge 17' > 10'3. Kitchen with integrated appliances. Communal gardens. Parking space. Gated complex witl close circuit TV. Integrated sound system to lounge and bedrooms. No onward chain. EPC: C



Clifftown Conservation Area £115,000

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Ask the Agent

Alan Kirkman

Q. We recently inherited a property which we want to sell, but it could do with some TLC. How much time and money is it worth spending?

A. This largely depends on what you mean by 'TLC' – in other words, what needs doing.

The basic rule of thumb here can be summed up in two well-worn sayings: 'less is more' and 'price doesn't equal

value.' In other words, while little things like a good spring clean, touching up the paintwork and tidying the garden can definitely be beneficial, any major outlay is likely to be uneconomic, since you almost certainly won't recoup the full cost when you sell.

If this sounds odd, try thinking of it in car terms. Just because you have forked out £1,000 for a new gearbox doesn't suddenly make your car worth £1,000 more than it was before. On the other hand, a good going-over with some T-Cut and a chamois leather can work wonders. Just ask any second-hand car salesman!

OK, so cars are a depreciating asset, whereas houses aren't. Nevertheless, the



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generally applies. To take an extreme example, let's look at the roof. As with cars and gearboxes, their people expect houses to have a reasonably sound roof. So, if it's just a question of a couple of loose or missing slates letting in a bit of water, and a satisfactory repair can be effected at minimal cost, then it's definitely worth doing. On the other hand, if the roof is in such a poor state that it really needs completely replacing - forget it. A house with a brand new

roof costing, say, £15,000 is not going to sell for £15,000 more than the one next door! So, my advice in this instance would simply be to leave the roof, and adjust your asking price accordingly.

Needless to say, of course, as with any rule, there can be exceptions – and those will depend on other factors, like the type of property, its location, and the state of the market. So, for example, if you have a two-bed house in an area where there is a glut of them on the market, but a serious shortage of 3-beds – then it might just be worthwhile having that expensive loft conversion done!

However, this is where the one truly golden rule about the property market comes into play: if in doubt – ask an estate agent!

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- * King John School Catchment
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- * EPC BAND E





HADLEIGH 263,000

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- * Quiet Cul De Sac within King John School catchment
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- * Lounge No upward chain
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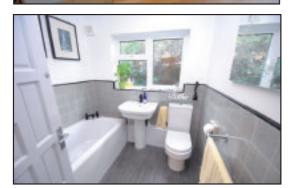


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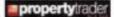


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THUNDERSLEY O.I.E.O £450,000

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THUNDERSLEY £249,995

Semi detached chalet style residence located within easy reach of Thundersley Village amenities. The property offers 4 bedrooms, 22'7 lounge/diner, kitchen, ground floor bathroom, conservatory, gas heating (n/t), majority double glazed and garage. In need of eneral updating.



Southend On Sea £850 pcm

Two bedroom basement flat within a Victorian style town house located in the heart of the Conservation area. Easy reach of Southend Town centre amenities and rail station the property has gas heating, own courtyard garden plus communal garden, wet room and open plan lounae/kitchen.







THUNDERSLEY £1,250 pcm

Situated in a cul-de-sac location within easy reach of Thundersley Village amenities and Common, this detached bungalow offers 3 bedrooms, with en-suite to master, 18ft lounge, 13'1 newly fitted kitchen and newly fitted bathroom. The property also has garage, gas heating (n/t) & double glazing.

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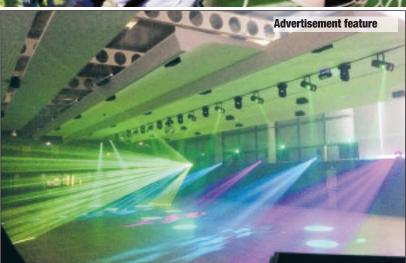
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ROCK O FAIRGRO SONG S

by LIZ WADE

OT on the heels of recent sell-out productions of Avenue Q and The Addams Family, Romford's Brookside Theatre is all ready to set the stage alight once more with their latest offering, the hit David Essex musical, All The Fun Of The Fair.

The exciting, new action-packed musical, which runs from Tuesday, March 3, to Saturday, March 7, will feature a fantastic local cast performing a score of hits and album favourites from Essex - the Brookside

Theatre's very own patron. Set in the late 1970s against the backdrop of a travelling funfair, its owner and widower, Levi, played by theatre manager Jai Sepple,

is concerned about his restless son, Jack, played by Paul Duncan.
Fortune-teller Rosa, played by Harri Sepple, Jai's wife, can see danger and tragedy in their paths but can she change their destiny?

Dodgems and motorbikes, candy floss and fights, along with romance and rock 'n' roll mean you're sure to go on a rollercoaster of a ride, but beware... everything is not always fun at the fair! This moving story will reach out to parents and anyone who has ever been torn by love.

With the kind permission of the author and original designers, this production will feature original costumes, props and set from the West End and hit touring productions, complete with working bumper cars and motor-

All The Fun Of The Fair is inspired by Essex's album of the same name and features a rollercoaster ride of classic hits including A Winter's Tale, Hold Me Close, Lamplight, Me & My Girl (Night-Clubbing), Gonna Make You A Star, Silver Dream

Machine, Rock On and many more. Other shows coming soon to Brookside Theatre include Stage 2 Screen on Friday, February 20. From the West End and Broadway to the bright lights of Hollywood, this talented cast of West End performers will sing and dance their way through a wonderful collection of classic songs from the

world of film and musical theatre.

More music is on its way on Saturday,
February 21, when MAMA - The All Era
Genesis Tribute Band – takes to the stage at Brookside Theatre.

MAMA faithfully reproduce the sights and sounds of the high-octane, contemporary Genesis rock concert with fantastic musicianship and recreate classic material throughout the band's history including hits like Follow You Follow Me, Turn It On Again, That's All, Invisible Touch, Throwing It All Away, Land of Confusion, In Too Deep, Tonight, Tonight, Tonight, Jesus He Knows Me, I Can't Dance and No Son of Mine.

The Original Jukebox Heroes, a six-piece supergroup featuring an ensemble of world famous musicians from some of the best rock bands of the sensational 70s, will be appearing at the theatre on Friday, March 20.

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Dakota Johnson as Anastasia "Ana" Steele and Jamie Dornan as Christian Grey in Fifty

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FIFTY SHADES OF GREY (18, 125 mins)

ith approximately 500,000 advance ticket sales in the UK... and rising, Sam Taylor-Wood's eagerly anticipated screen version of Fifty Shades of Grey is poised for a whip-cracking opening weekend

British author EL James self-published the first instal-ment of her erotically charged trilogy before the first hardback edition was released in March 2012. Critics might have been less than flattering, giving

the book a sharp verbal spanking, but the public was seduced by James's depiction of the intensely physical relationship between a college graduate and a handsome businessman and propelled the book to the top of the bestseller lists on both sides of the

Atlantic.

In the UK, such was the clamour for copies of the paperback that Fifty Shades of Grey outsold JK Rowling and Dan Brown, author of The Da Vinci Code, and opened the floodgates on a raft of books crudely dubbed "mummy porn" Taylor-Wood's film has

been closely guarded from prying eyes until its international premiere on February 11 at the Berlin Film Festival, before a star-studded UK premiere in London's Leicester Square the following day.

Aside from the removal of one of the book's most infamous scenes involving a tampon, the glossy big screen adaptation purportedly remains faithful to James's text and the author

was on the film set every

day to keep a close eye on proceedings As a favour to her roommate Kate (Eloise Mumford), literature student Anastasia Steele (Dakota Johnson) interviews handsome and charming multimillionaire businessman Christian Grey

(Jamie Dornan).

Anastasia is bewitched by Christian and makes clear her desire for him.

In order to get closer to the object of her amorous affections, the student submits to Christian and he introduces her to an erotically charged world of domi-nation, lust and temptation that thankfully didn't get UK censors hot under the collar.

The British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) passed Fifty Shades Of Grey uncut as an 18 certificate for scenes of sex and nudity, along with the portrayal of erotic role play based on domination, submission and sado-masochistic practices. Ker-ching.
Released: February 13

Stage

Intimate night with top medium

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The star-studded show will be packed with foot-tapping 70s classics including Blockbuster!, Mama Weer All Crazee Now,

Massachusetts, Billy Don't Be A Hero, Coz I Luv You, Cum On Feel The Noize and many, many more.

The Shadow Of Cliff, featuring Jimmy Jemain and The Knights Shadows, will follow on Saturday, March 21. Since winning TV's Stars In Their Eyes in 1990, Jemain has become the most popular Sir Cliff

Richard tribute acts on the circuit today, voted the official UK's number one in 2013.

This show will include many of the songs that Sir Cliff has performed over the past six decades including Move It, Living Doll, Summer Holiday, The Young Ones, Bachelor Boy, Devil Woman, We Don't Talk Anymore and many, many more. But if music isn't your

thing, then don't miss a visit by Derek Acorah on Friday, March 27, as part of his Psychic Ether Tour.

With countless hours of spirit contact, one-to-one readings, numerous TV appearances and 20 years of live stage shows, Acorah is unquestionably one of the most time-honoured and respected spirit mediums in the UK today, so don't miss this rare opportunity for an intimate audience with one of the best.

For further information and tickets for any of these shows at Brookside Theatre call the box office on 01708 755775 or visit www.brooksidetheatre.com.

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Keeping the kids busy over half term

holidays just around the corner, here are just some of the activities taking place in and around the area to keep the kids busy.

 Everyone's flocking to Marsh Farm in South Woodham Ferrers to play the Baa-rilliant Championsheeps Live games with Shaun the Sheep.

Shaun the Sheep's Championsheeps Live is now taking over an area of the farm every weekend, as well as throughout the February half term holidays and other peak times. Take part in a range of sports challenges including Shirley's Pie-athlon, where participants race each other on Shirley-shaped sheep hoppers, and the Naughty Pigs Sack Race, as well as hula hooping, aerobics and line dancing with the flock.

You can also join Blackfoot the Pirate and friends during a swash-buckling week of fun at the farm from February 16-20. Search for Blackfoot's Booty in a treasure trail adventure, get messy with Crows Feet Crafts, climb on the inflatable galleon ship, watch magic shows and meet costumed characters.

For further information visit www.marshfarm.co.uk

 Victorian games galore are on offer at Audley End House and Gardens, in Saffron Walden, this February half term. Join colourful Victorian characters and experience the games that time forgot from Monday to Friday, February 16-20, as well as enjoy a range of stories and hands-on fun.

Children can journey back in time to the late 19th century and discover games ranging from skit-tles to quoits, croquet to chess and play like a Victorian, mastering the skills needed to outmanoeuvre opponents.
For further information visit

www.english-heritage.org.uk

• Join a soldier school at Wrest Park, Bedfordshire, from Monday to Friday, February 16 to 20, and become a home front hero

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Saturday, February 14

■ Dance – ballroom, Latin and sequence, Trinity Church, Rayleigh, music by Richard, 7.30pm, 28 inc raffle. 01268 770776.

■ South East Essex Ramblers – visit http://sites:google.com/site/southeastess exramblers to find when we are walking.

■ Counselling service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.

■ Transmission Meditation Workshop – Helliwell Room, Forum Library Southend 10-11.30am, admission free.

■ Yugioh Club – play and trade Yugioh, 120 Southend Road, St Catherine's Church Hall, Wickford, SS11 8EB, mini tournaments,

- Yugioh Club − play and trade Yugioh, 120 Southend Road, St Catherine's Church Hall, Wickford, SS11 8EB, mini tournaments, 1.30-4.20pm. 07985 671289.
 Dads and Kids Club − The Megacentre, Rayleigh, 10.30am-1.30pm, free admission, games, activities, arts and crafts, for ages five to 17, with fathers and father figures. 01268 779100.
 Saturday Morning Club − St Michael's Church Hall, Leigh Road, 10am-noon, admission free, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled. 01702 437863.
 Brush Strokes Art Group − Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh, 9.15am-12.15pm, new members welcome. 01277 627043.
 Different Strokes Exercise Class − St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, for those who have had a stroke, 2.30pm. 01702 612509.
 Jazz Workshop − Southend Jazz Co-op, Hadleigh old Fire Station, Hadleigh, 10am-1pm, £5 per session (concessions available).
 Hamingo Fairs Vintage and More Fair − The Churchill Room, Wanstead Library, Woodbine Place/Spratt Hall Road, 11am − 4pm, free entry.

Sunday, February 15

■ Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz – Westcliff Hotel, 1pm, 01702 345247.

- Hockley and District Horticultural Society trading hut 10am-noon, for all your gardening sundries, membership £3, behind Hawkwell Wilage Hall, Main Road, Hawkwell.
 Sunday School Get on Board (no charge), The Ark, Hadleigh Methodist Ohurch, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ, 11am-noon, ages three to 10. 07585 601815 or 07967 913344.
- Outler of Helian School 1987 913344.

 Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh, 10.30–11.30am, followed by conversation over tea and biscuits, all welcome.

 King's Church Southend at Blenheim
- King's Church Southend at Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, 10.30am-noon. 01702 523639.
 Greek Community of Southend and District Church of St Barbara, St Phanourious and St Pauls, Salisbury Ave, Westellff, 10am-noon. 01702 466435.
 Sunday Club TGH Evangelical Church, Klin Road, Thundersley, (children 3-12 years), Bible stories, craft, singing, 10:45-11.45am, no charge, details 01702 554904.
 Mojo Friendship Club Travellers Joy, Downhall Road, Rayleigh, 11.30am, details Mo on 07757 658799.

Monday, February 16

- Ron Spack's Jazztet with Graham Hunter trumpet, Chris English keyboard, Oakwood, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, 8.30pm, 01702 512819.
- Oakwood, Řayleigh Road, Eastwood, 8.30pm, 01702 512819.

 Echos from Above spiritual centre based at Ekco Sports and Social Club Thomford Gardens, SS2 6PU. 7.15pm. £3.50, all profits to charity, wards at Southend Hospital.

 Sunshine offee morning for parents in Craylands and Felmores area. Briscoe Community Centre, 9-11am. Free informative workshop, coffee, cake and creche. Call Dawn 07880 035968, or just turn up.

 Monday beginners dance class usually six-week course, ballroom, Latin American, Ashingdon & East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. Info: 01702 546219/542349.

 Leigh Scrabble Club, 7-10pm. All standards welcome. Welsley Hall, Leigh Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea. Just turn up or call Peter on 01268 727915.

 George Hurd Centre, Basildon, for the over-50s. Craft: 10am-noon, tai chi: whist 9.45-12.30, 10am-noon, art: 12.30-2.30pm, choir: 2.30-4pm, Indoor bowls: 2-4pm. £2, 01268 465854.

 Senior citizens club Richmond Hall, Benfleet, 1.30-3.30pm.

 Counselling service The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.

- Over-50s Keep-fit Classes Fryerns Community Centre, details Pat 01268
- 770294.

 Over-50s session Megacentre Rayleigh,
 7 Brook Road, badminton and table tennis
 2-4pm. £3.50 inc refreshments and
 equipment. 01268 773100.

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 Activity Session for adults with special needs 10am-noon. The Megacentre, Rayleigh, 21 per session, no charge for carers.

 Duplicate Bridge Balmoral Bridge Club, Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh (opposite Thames Drive), 1.15mm-4.30pm, Tues 7pm-10.30pm, call Vernon on 01702 343611 or Tony 01702 520993.

 Duplicate Bridge Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, 62 Southchurch Boulevard, Southend, non-members of all standards welcome, 2-4.45pm (no partner needed), 7.30-
- non-members of all standards welcome, 2-4,45pm (no partner needed), 7.30-10.30pm, call Danny 07843 771774.

 Weekly Craft Workshop St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, Benfleet, 6-8pm, details Michelle 07730 582784.

 Basildon Players Amateur Dramatic Group 8-10pm, James Hornsby High School, Leinster Road, Laindon, details Jeff Levy 07913 426371 or email join@basildonplayers.co.uk.

 Zumba Pitsea Day Centre Over-50s Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 9.15-10am. 01268 465432.

 Beginners Computer Course Pitsea Day Centre Over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 19.15-10am. 01268 465432.

- Beginners Computer Course Pitsea Day Centre Over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 11am-1pm. 01268 465432.
 Club 60 Southend every weekday, 9.30-4pm, tea bar, non-members welcome, 22 day pass, details 01702 613562.
 Short Mat Bowls Club welcomes new members, Canvey Short Mat Bowls Club, please ring Kevin on 01268 792433.
 Short Mat Bowls Thundersley, beginners welcome, details 01268 779174.
 Indoor Short Mat Bowls Prittlevell Bowls Club, Priory Park, Southend, Monday to Friday, new players welcome, details Ray 01268 777666.
 Indoor Bowls George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over-50s, Mon 2-4pm, Tues 2.15-4.45pm, Wed 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.
 Whist George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over-50s, 10am-noon, details 01268 465854.
 Senior Citizens Club Ghyligrove Centre, Butheys, 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 293995.
 Pensioners Stall York Road Outdoor Market, Southend, 8am-2pm.
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 - Salon, Burdett Avenue, westcillir, an understanding of spiritual healing and prayer, 8-9.30pm, details 07879 004744.

 Eitness Walking from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh, 7.15-8.15pm, details 01702 715509.

 Scrabble Club Wesley Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, (opposite police tratian) beginners and processors.

 - Hoda, Leigh Isradway, (opposite police station), beginners welcome, no partner needed, 7-10pm, £3 inc tea/coffee, just turn up or call 01268 727915.

 Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group Buttercup Club, \$t Michael's and All Angels Church, \$t' Walter Raleigh Drive, Rayleigh, 9.30am and 11am. 01702 712150.

Tuesday, February 17

- Brownies St Nicholas Church Hall, Long Road, Canvey Island, 5.30-7pm, crafts, Road, Carrvey Island, 5.30-7pm, crafts, badge work, games holidays, sleepovers. ■ Counselling service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk. ■ Yoga Class – Thorpedene Community Centre, Delaware Road, Shoeburyness, 7-8.30pm, 26, beginners welcome, Please bring a blanket and vour yong mat All ager.
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 Social Dance Class with instruction, in ballroom, Latin American and sequence, 8.30-10.30pm, Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. Info: 01702 546310/542340.
- Hawkwell Memonal Hall. Info: 017/02 546219/542349.
 Table Tennis 7.30-10.30pm, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Fayleigh, £3.60.
 Weekly Craft Group Oasis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Road, Leigh, 2.30-4pm. No charge or booking required. Emma 01702 471873.
 Willows Park Short Mat Bowls Club
- Willows Park Short Mat Bowls Club require new or experienced players James Hornsby School, Laindon. First session free call or text Alan on 07952 043456.
 Social Dance 1.45pm, St Cedd's Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff, ballroom, sequence, Latin. 01702 618771.
 Evening of clairvoyance St Cecilia's Christian Spiritualist Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, 7.15pm, £2, enquiries Anne 01702 556470.
 Folk Music The Hoy at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, Steve Tilston, 8pm. 01702 715111.

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what's on

- Tea Dance Ashingdon Memorial Hall, Ashingdon Road, Rochford, ballroom, Latin and sequence, 2-4pm. 0.1702 584575. Scrabble Club Hockley Social Centre (rear of library) 6.30-10pm, first two visits free, all ages welcome, 0.1702 205910. Meeting Ladies Fellowship at the Salvation Army in Hadleigh, 7.30pm, any age, good speakers, chatter nights, outings, meals out and summer walks, outings, meals out and summer walks, 50p per week or annual subscription, just
- outings, meals out and summer walks, 50p per week or annual subscription, just come along or call 01702 551470.
 The Puffers Club, Exercise Class for people with breathing difficulties run by people with breathing difficulties, Ambleside Sports and Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, 12.45-2.30pm. 01702 610050/466827.
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- 2.30pm. 01702 610050/466827.

 Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group Fryerns Baptist Church, Whitmore Way. 9.30am-2pm.

 The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, yoga: 10-11am, sit down yoga: 11.10-12.10, keep fit: noon-1pm, line dancing: 1.20-2.20pm, chess: 1.30-3.30pm, craft: 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854. 01268 465854

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 Singles Social Group The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, age group 50-plus, 8pm. 07970 432994.

 Singles Friendship Club for 50-plus South Benfleet Social Club, 8.15pm, details Maureen 01268 692998.

 New and nearly new stall outside St Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon (if wet in church foyer), 10am-noon.

 Table Top Sale Outpatients foyer, Southend Hospital, 9.30am-3pm, Breathe Easy Southend, helping support people

- Southend Hospital, 9.30am-3pm, Breathe Easy Southend, Helping support people with lung problems. 01702 258661.
 Carpet Bowls Eastwood Community Centre, top of Morrisons car park, 1.45-3.45pm, no experience necessary, £2 per session inc tea, joining fee £5, first session free.
 Bingo and Hoy Wick Community Centre, Wickford, 1.30-4pm, details John Clarke 01268 570575.
 Top Cats Social Club (Southend Mencap), Castle View School, Meppel Avenue, Carwey, 7-9.45pm, for adults with learning disabilities, aged 25-plus, £2 per session, details 01702 341250.
 Tuesday Luncheon Club Inter-Church
- per session, details 01702 341250.

 "Tuesday Luncheon Club Inter-Church
 Caring for the Elderly and Disabled,
 Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Millton Road,
 Westcliff, for people living alone or with
 their carers, details 01702 478691/
 525141/340617.

 "Little Lunchers Activity Club St Michael's
 Church, Rayleigh, 11.45am-1.15pm.
 Vange Tots Vange Community Centre,
 Vange Hill Drive, Vange, 9.30-11.30am,

- £1, snack and drinks provided for all.
 01268 498642.
 Shoebury Flagship Rainbow
 Children's Centre, Friars School,
 Constable Way, Shoebury, 1.30-3.30pm,
 health visiting team offering activities,
 advice and support for parents with
 children aged up to five. 01702 577656.

Wednesday, February 18

- Southend Anglo Italian Circle illustrated talk in Italian:The Foods of Puglia. Leigh Centre, Elm Road, SS9 1SP, Ω4.50, 01702712177.

 Southend District Pensioner's
- Campaign meeting at Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff-on-
- Campaign meeting at Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff-onsea, 1.45-3.45pm, features Lee Connolly.

 Line dancing lessons all types of music, 12.30-2.30pm, St Margaret's Church Hall, Lime Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 3PA. 07948 108195.

 Counselling service The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.

 New Thundersley Townswomen and Guidsare looking for new members, St George's Church Hall, Rushbottom Lane, South Benfleet 1.30-3.15pm, contact Norma 01268 794694.

 "TEDFAS (Thames Estuary Decorative and Fine Arts society) The Freight House Bradley Way, Rochford, 10.30am and 2.30pm, visitors £5, details 01702 479416 or 01268 771120.

 "The Concord Ladies Club of Rayleigh 1.30-3pm. New members welcome, Caley Hall Crew Hill Rayleigh 11288 742401
- The Concord Ladies Culo of Hayleign 1,30-3pm. New members welcome, Cale Hall, Crown Hill, Rayleigh, 01268 743240. Activity Session for children with special needs, ages five to 18, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh. Donation of £1 per session, siblings welcome.

 Tea Dance Richmond Hall, Richmond America. Pacificat helleron Lein and
- lea Laftice Hichmond Hail, Hichmond Avenue, Breiffet, ballroom, Latin and sequence dances for all abilities. 2-4.25pm, free car park, strictly over-18s, £4. 01268 752473.
 George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s. Keep fit 10-11am, \$1 t down keep fit: 10-11am, balsa/ballroom: 11.30am-12.30pm, sequence dance:12.30-1.15pm
- 12.30pm, sequence dance:12.30-1.15pm, art: 1.30-3.30pm, indoor bowls: 1.30-3.30pm, p2, 01268 465854.
 Barn Dance Grand Ceilidh Club, Royal Naval Association, East Street, Southend, live music, 8.30pm. 01702 553622.
 Indoor Carpet Bowls St Edmunds Hall, Pantile Avenue, Southend, 2-4pm, details contact Olive 01702 309280.
- Played Bowls Before? Come try it at FS&S Club, Gardiners Close, Basildon, free

- coaching given, call Chris 01268 419831. Breathing Exercise Group run by Breathe Easy Basildon, Steeple View Memorial Hall, 1-2.30pm, if you have COPD or recently finished pulmonary rehabilitation call Honorie 01268 574390.

 Leigh Singles Social Club – Bellini's, London Road, Leigh, for ages 45-65, 8pm. www.leighsingles.co.uk.

 Social Afternoon of ballroom and Latin dancing – Mill Hall, Rayleigh, 1.45-4.15pm, with Pat and Bob. 01702 544112.

 Health Walk – Canvey Sea Wall, 10.30am, meet Labworth car park, Canvey Island, details 01702 318121.

 Alanon, International/Worldwide Support Group – for families/friends of alcoholics and other addicts, 1 Sutton Road, All Saints Church, Southchurch, Memorial Hall, 1-2.30pm, if you have

- Support Group for families/friends of alcoholics and other addicts, 1 Sutton Road, All Saints Church, Southchurch, Southend, 7.30pm, (non-denominational).

 Pulse Drum Club St David's Church Hall, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, 3.45pm-4.45pm, 25 per session. 0.1702 540111.

 Over-50s session Megacentre Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, badminton, short mat bowls 2-4pm, 23.50 inc refreshments and use of equipment. 01268 773100.

 Activity sessions The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, for children with special needs, aged five-18, free entry, siblings welcome, details 01268 779100.

 Palace Writers Group 7.30pm, alternating venues with the Palace and Cliffs Pavilion, open mic events and public readings planned, details Emily 01702 390472.

 Roche Art Group St Teresa's Church Hall, behind the church, 109 Ashingdon Road, Rochford, 7.30-9.30pm, details Gill 01702 421737.

- Advanced Computer Course Pitsea Day

- Advanced Computer Course Pitsea Day Centre Over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 9,30-11.30am. 01268 465432.

 Over-50s Session The Megacentre, Rayleigh, 2-4pm, badminton and short mat bowls, £3.50 inc refreshments and use of equipment. 01268 779100.

 Duplicate Bridge Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh, 7.30pm, details Hillary 01702 712501.

 Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group Buttercup Club, Leigh Community Centre, Elm Road, Leigh, 9.30am and 11am, 01702 712150.

 Brentwood Buddies social club for
- Brentwood Buddies social club for ages 40-60, The Essex Arms, Warley Hill, Brentwood, 8pm. Julie 07969 071392 text or phone before turning up.

Thursday, February 19

■ Ladies' Good Companion Club – Belle Vue Baptist Church Hall, off Southchurch

- Road, 2-4pm, details Yvonne, 01702 461055.

 Counselling service The Olive Tree
 Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we
- Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.

 Thundersley Gardening Association 7.45pm, Swans Green Hall, Hart Road, Thundersley, please bring exhibits, £3.

 Carol's Jazz Crew The Park View, Chalkwell Park, Westcliff-on-Sea, 8-10.30pm, entry £5, 01702 483900.
- George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s Line dancing: 1-2pm, computer £3: 1-3.30pm, indoor bowls: 2.15-4.15pm, bridge 9.30am-12.30pm, ceramics, 1.30-3pm. £2, 01268 465854.

 Health Walls Hockley Woods, 10.45am, details 01702 318121.
- Jive classes Ambleside Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, from 8pm, £5 (first night free), all ages welcome, no need to bring a partner. 07771 831507. Buddies Over 50 Singles Club Anchor Pub, Benfleet, 8.30pm, details Dee, 01268 565045.

- 01268 565045.
 Meeting Westcliff National Spiritualist Church, Hildaville Drive, Westcliff, every service we have mediums that demonstrate clairvoyance, 7.30pm.
 Pottery George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.
 Coffee, cake and chat WI Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, 2pm, details Di 07952 148636 or Linda 07504 114762.
 Stalls in Outpatients Department, next to post box, Southend Hospital, books, brica-brac, hand knits etc. 8.30am-3.30pm, all a-brac, hand knits etc. 8.30am-3.30pm, all
- a-brac, nand Rnits etc, 8.3uam-3.3upm, all proceeds to Key Hole Cancer Appea.

 Tea Dance St James' Church Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh, ballroom, Latin and sequence, 2-4.15pm. 01702 216726.

 Ceramics The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 2-4pm, details 01268 465854.
- 4prir, details 01208 465854.

 Short Mat Bowls Willows Park, James Hornsby School, Leinster Road, Laindon, 7.30pm, first three weeks free, details 01277 625027.

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- Ine Sandpiper Community Centre, Sandpiper Close, Shoebury, 8-10pm, free healing, admission £3. 01702 476087.

 Healing The Cedars, Castle Road, Rayleigh, fully trained healers by Essex Healers Association, 10-11.30am.

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With candlelit tables and DJ entertainment including the best soul and classic love songs, a free gift for your partner, and the promise of your table for the entire evening, Tandoori Parlour will be the place to be.

Make the most of your evening with the restaurant's "doubles for singles" offer at the bar from 5.30pm to 8pm, before enjoying a banquet of delicious dishes. After poppadoms and pickles, and a platter of starters silver-served to your table, you can enjoy as much as you like from a selection of 52 outstanding dishes at its buffet. The restaurant's resident DJ will then help you

party the night away, right up until 1am, all for

just £19.95 per person.

An English menu will be also be available on An English menti will be also be available on the night or you can opt to enjoy its five-star cuisine in the comfort of your own home on Valentine's Day, thanks to its takeaway service. The service, delivered in specially heated vehicles, is free in the local area for orders of more

than £10 and also offers a selection of alcoholic

Throughout the year Tandoori Parlour offers diners outstanding value-for-money and delicious cuisine, including an "eat as much as you like" offer from the a la carte menu, from Sunday to Thursday, all freshly cooked and served to your table for just £12.95 per person.

The popular restaurant, which has been serving delicious food to the community since the mid-1970s, also offers free VIP cards with "two for one" deals and money-off buffet evenings.

Its Sunday lunchtime buffet offers 52 dishes as



well as a platter of starters silver-served to your table for just £7.95 per person, with children

aged 10 and under eating for free.

Tandoori Parlour, the largest Indian restaurant in Essex with a capacity for 450 people, was one of the first Indian restaurants to win the Tiffin Cup in 2005 and is regularly featured in the Good Curry Guide.

It has a downstairs dining area with bar and dance floor, as well as a Crystal Room upstairs, complete with illuminated glass dance floor, laser light show and superb sound and lighting.

Its extensive evening buffets cost just £11.95 per person from Sunday to Wednesday, and £12.95 on Thursday, when there is karaoke disco night each week, while its popular banquet and

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disco nights on Friday and Saturday offer silver -served starters, an extensive buffet and a disco with DJ entertainment for £18 per person, or just £15 on Friday night for VIP card holders.

Tandoori Parlour, which is fully air-conditioned and licensed, has full disabled facilities and a free large car park opposite, can also host charity nights where 50 per cent of the profits go

charity nights where 30 per cent of the profits go to the charity of your choice.

For further information about Tandoori Parlour, which is open from noon to 2.30pm and 5.30pm to midnight, Monday to Saturday (last admission 10.30pm), and from noon to midnight (last admission 10.30pm) on Sunday, call on 01268 793786 or 01268 793877, or visit www.tandooriparlour.com.

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Kismet serves up a Turkish delight

NEW Southend restaurant has taken the area by storm after its owner saw a niche in the market on the seafront.

Kismet Charcoal Grill bar and restaurant opened its doors in December, much to the delight of diners as it offers them a traditional Turkish menu with a difference as it is all cooked in front of customers on special charcoal grills. Michael, who runs the restaurant with his wife

Katerina, said: "It's an up-and-coming scene open cooking and charcoal grills. There are a lot of them in east London and they are spreading. "It's like have a barbecue in the back garden,

it's not a gas grill. It is definitely up-and-coming, "It is something the seafront needs and something the seafront has been missing. We are not fine dining, we are not fish and chips or a café.

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Its Turkish chef freshly prepares a range of dishes such as lamb and chicken shawarma kebabs — an authentic Turkish dish — as well as shish, kofte, falafel and sucuk, which is a spicy Turkish sausage, and offers a range of desserts including homemade rice puddings and Baklava.

The restaurant also specialises in mixed platters and meze meals, and is continuously introducing new dishes to the delight of diners.

It is the latest business to move to the seafront

following in the footsteps of fine dining restaurant, Bourgee, which is next door, and it has made such an impact that its takeaway service became top-rated with Just Eat within two weeks of opening

Michael, who has worked in the catering industry for more than 20 years, added: "I've been in food all my life and this is my first restaurant. I decided to open in Southend after seeing a niche in the market. We are the only barbecue restaurant on the seafront.

"Most people who come in will come back, people are already being recommended and people are returning for the second and third time."

The 50-seater, fully licensed restaurant is the

perfect venue for parties and other special occa-



sions for which Michael serves the restaurant's meze menu, which is designed to be lingered over and has a wealth of different dishes and

This Valentine's Day, on Saturday, Kismet will be serving a three-course meal for diners which offers so much more than just a starter, main and dessert, as each course is made up of several different delights such as a starter of five or six dips, followed by a mixed platter.

The special menu costs just £19.95 per person

and includes a free bottle of house wine, and staff will also be serving a meze treat for the same price.

Kismet, located at 3 Eastern Esplanade, Southend, opposite Sea Life Adventure, is open from 4.30pm to 11pm, from Monday to Friday, from noon to 11pm on Friday and Saturday, and from noon to 10.30pm on Sunday.

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The Maharaja has a wealth of offers including "eat as much as you like" buffet nights starting from just £9.95 per person and a la carte options, as well as early bird deals and healthy low fat options to suit all palates.

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on its a la carte menu for restaurant diners from Sunday to Thursday - buy one starter and main course, or main course and dessert, and receive another absolutely free.

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While for many people it becomes a habit to order the usual when taking a seat in an Indian restaurant, make sure you do not make this mistake at

Ruchi. Even regulars ask advice on sampling something different and the owner is only too happy to share his knowledge of the food and all of its ingredients.

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I AM often asked which modern cars would qualify for classic status in years to come.

One I can recommend without hesitation is the Touring or estate version of the iconic Chrysler 300 equipped with the V8 petrol hemi-engine which weighs in at 5,645cc. It is this enormous vehicle, known as the

300C Touring, with its chip slicer grille that played a part in endearing American ideas to the UK large estate and management motoring sectors. There were other engine options but the V8 was treated with almost reverence.

First shown at the 2003 New York Motor Show, it was designed by Ralph Gilles.

It was based on the rear-wheel-drive Chrysler LX platform which features components derived from the Mercedes-Benz E-Class of 2003.

Shared components included the rear suspension design, front seat frames, wiring harnesses, steering column and the fivespeed automatic transmission's design. There was also a derivative of the double wishbone front suspension from the Mercedes-Benz S-Class

There were other engines in the 300 range but it is the C model with its magnificent V8 that is the jewel in the crown. With 155mph in its sights and a 0-62mph sprint of 6.4 seconds, this was so much more than just another transatlantic-inspired cruiser.



In some ways it reminded me of the now very rare Vauxhall Cresta-based Friary Estate of the 1950s, although this was a much lesser vehicle in terms of sheer power.

The top-of-the-line hemi-engined version used a multidisplacement system and can run on four cylinders when less power is required. This also helped with fuel consumption which averaged out at 22mpg. It was endowed with a five-speed auto-

matic transmission and featured 18-inch chrome-clad alloy wheels

If you wanted more power there was 165mph, 425bhp, 6.1-litre V8 SRT model, which could hit 60mph in 4.9 seconds, but even for an avid V8 fan like myself this may have been a little over the top in an estate.

All 300C Touring models, along with European 300C sedans and right-hand drive models were assembled by Magna-Steyr in

Austria June 2005

A redesigned 300 was introduced in 2011. Gone was the chip-slicer front and in came something a little more refined. But the bombshell was that the estate had been dropped and only the sedan was available, and this is why the 300C Touring with its capacious and good looking rear plus supreme power is now a very desirable vehicle.



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Motoring News



By Mike Torpey

FIGURES released by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders show that white was the most popular colour for new cars registered in the UK in 2014 – for the second year running.

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Of the 2,476,435 new cars registered last year, some 22.2 per cent were white representing the highest proportion of white cars registered in any year since records began in 1996.

The colour's record-breaking popularity

The colour's record-breaking popularit follows a progressive leaning towards white cars over the past decade. In 2010, white cars accounted for just

In 2010, white cars accounted for just under 10 per cent of new car registrations, making it the sixth most popular car colour, with black and silver topping the chart.

In fact in 2005, less than 1 per cent of the UK's new car buyers chose white. Last year, black cars took second place followed by grey, taking 19 and 14 per cent of the market respectively.

But silver, the second most popular colour in 2010 with almost a quarter of registrations, has now slipped to sixth place, accounting for 13 per cent of the total new car market.

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White became the UK's most popular choice in 2013, but for many years it was one of the least-favoured shades.

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Back in 1996 there were 2,489 white cars sold, the most popular model in that colour being the Citroen Xantia, but from the turn of the millennium the figure jumped to 4,775 with the Vauxhall Astra the most favoured model.

Five years later a dip to 3,827 saw the Mini top the white table before a huge leap saw 13,049 sold in 2010, many of which were Fiat 500 variants.

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Southend United

Shrewsbury Town 1 Southend United 1 By Rowland Lyons at the Greenhous Meadow

SOUTHEND had to settle for a point at the league leaders, last Saturday, after Tyrone Barnett's late leveller cancelled out the recalled Jack Payne's super strike.

Boss, Phil Brown, made one change from the narrow York home win and Payne was given a start in place of the unwell, David Worrall.

In the clash of the side with the best away record against the outfit with the most home successes, Southend made the high flyers look very ordinary for long periods.

The Shrimpers - however - made a sluggish start and Ben Coker had to make a last-ditch clearance from inside the six-yard box, before Bobby Grant sliced horribly wide in the second minute.

United hit back and Joe Pigott forced Jayson Leutwiler into a smart seventh minute save from Will Atkinson's deep cross.

The Shrews became increasingly sloppy and Pigott was allowed a clear sight at goal - from good Payne work -

before midfield general, Michael Timlin, latched onto a poor clearance and forced Mark Ellis into a vital clearance.

Southend edged closer to an opener and Adam Thompson - outstanding at the back - did everything right with a 24th minute half volley from Ben Coker's flag-kick, that a yard either side of Lautwiler would have surely seen the

promotion hopefuls edge ahead.

The Blues kept asking questions of their under-par hosts and in a goalmouth scramble from another Coker corner, Jerome Binnom-Williams was denied from close range, before Payne carved out chances for Atkinson and Pigott.

Despite a bright Shrewsbury start to the second period, with Bentley twice called into action, Payne put the seasiders ahead on 54 minutes from Timlin's rolled free-kick. The schemer beat his marker, swapped feet and fired home a sizzling effort that nestled in the top corner.

The Blues then had opportunities to kill the game off, with Pigott missing the best chance, but when wellplaced, the on-loan striker fizzed a drive wide of the target.

The Charlton hitman was soon replaced, but Southend were still in charge with the Shrews continually

wasting possession and limited to

long-range efforts.
But, they got their lucky break five minutes from time when Bentley under pressure from sub, Bennett failed to catch a loose ball and the young striker netted - almost nonchalantly - with a side-footer that agonizingly rebounded home off the

inside of the far post.

Both sides had chances to claim maximum points, but Southend sub, Shaquile Coulthirst - replacing Pigott lacked composure in front of goal, after being freed by a super Payne pass.

A disappointed Brown reflected:

"Both sides tried to get the ball down and play. But, I can't remember Shrewsbury having many clear cut chances. At one-nil you hope you'll win.

"We're disappointed we got a point - it could have been three. But, we've got two home games coming up - but both will be difficult - as there are no easy games in this division.'

Despite the late leveller, Southend's unbeaten run continues

'That's one defeat in 14," said Brown. "If you had asked me before the game whether I would have taken a point - I would have.'

Town boss, Mickey Mellon, added:

went to a back-four - and we needed to get back in the game. We did that. The lads changed the course of the game, making us more aggressive and a threat down the pitch - and it worked for us.

"I told the lads that you need to show a different quality. We had so many players who weren't at their best today. There's a long way gone [in the season] now, and Southend are up there on merit."

Southend's Payne, admitted: "Before the game, we would've probably taken a draw - against the league leaders - but in he end it was two points dropped."

Happy with his goal, the seven-goal, top-scorer concluded: "Michael Timlin's always sharp on his toes and he slipped in a quick free-kick and there was only one place the ball was

there was only one place the ball was going when I hit it."

Shrewsbury Town: Jayson Leutwiler, Cameron Gayle (Jean-Louis Akpa Akpro 61), Mark Ellis, Connor Gordon, Nathaniel Knight-Percival, Mickey Demetriou, Bobby Grant, Ryan Woods, Liam Lawrence (captain), James Collins, Mikael Madron (Tyrone Bennett 57).

Southend United: Daniel Bentley, John White (captain), Adam Thompson, Jerome Binnom-Williams, Ben Coker, Will Atkinson, Ryan Leonard, Michael Timlin, Jack Payne (Myles Weston 83), Jake Cassidy (Barry Corr (Myles Weston 83), Jake Cassidy (Barry Corr 75), Joe Pigott (Shaquile Coulthirst 68). Attendance: 5276

Non-league round-up

City Clarets march on

Non-league round up **by Brian Jeeves**CHELMSFORD City continued to put

pressure on the Vanarama Conference South leaders, with St Albans City becoming the latest victims at the Mel-bourne Stadium. Roared on by an impressive 682 crowd, a Joe Ward strike, coupled with a Darren Locke own goal earned the Clarets maximum points. Locke grabbed a consolation goal for St Albans, but City held firm goal for St Albans, but City field Iffin for a 2-1 success. Chelmsford are now in sixth place, only seven points behind leaders Bromley. Concord Rangers were also in Con-

ference South action, and the Beach Boys picked up a useful point from a goalless stalemate with Sutton United at the Aspect Arena.

It was a good day for the regions Ryman Premier Division clubs with Canvey Island and Billericay Town leading the way. Resurgent Gulls pulled off a remarkable 3-0 win at promotion chasing Dulwich Hamlet. George Sykes (2) and Jack Simmons finding the net for Danny Heale's team in front of a huge 1,162 crowd. And it was the same outcome at New Lodge where Billericay Town saw off highflying Metropolitan Police.

Grays Athletic were also amongst the goals. Manny Parry, Joao Carlos and Jordan Wilson on target as the Blues beat Enfield Town 3-1, while Sam Higgins hit a first half hat trick as East Thurrock United edged out VCD Athletic by the odd goal in five. And AFC Hornchurch grabbed a share of the spoils with a 0-0 draw against Sutton United at Bridge Avenue.

In Ryman League One North Brentwood Town saw off Redbridge 3-2, Samuel Bantick grabbed a brace for the winner with Thomas Richardson also on the score sheet.

Tilbury won by a single goal at Wroxham, Tom Wood with the allimportant strike for the Dockers, while Barkingside and Soham Town Rangers played out a 1-1 draw.

But there were disappointing defeats for our other teams, with Romford crashing to a heavy 6-2 defeat at Needham Market and Heybridge Swifts crashing 3-0 at Cray Wanderers.

And there wasn't too much to cheer

for Great Wakering Rovers who slumped to a 2-1 reverse at home to Chatham Town. Player-manager Dan Trenkel found the net late on for the villagers, but goals from Greg Benbow and Austin Edwards saw the points head back to Kent.

Selected action from the Essex Serior League saw Barking hit six past hapless Waltham Forest, the Mayesbrook Park side eventually ran out 6-1 winners. Ilford won 5-1 at Sporting Bengal United, while Basildon United hammered Tower Hamlets 4-1. And there was another win for Hullbridge Sports who beat Enfield 1893 3-0.

In the ProKit UK Essex Olympian League there was a big Senior Division One derby where Southend based White Ensign saw off rivals Leigh Ramblers by the odd goal in three.

td's Blind faith pays

West Ham United

West Ham United 1 **Manchester United 1 Brian Jeeves reporting** from Upton Park

WEST Ham United boss Sam Allardyce expressed both "pride and disappointment" after Manchester United's Daley Blind scored a stoppage time goal to deny his brave Hammers side victory.

The Hammers went into this encounter quietly confident having made Upton Park something of a fortress this season. Indeed, West Ham had lost only three times in 12 Premier League games at the Boleyn, with only Arsenal smuggling maximum points away from the last 10 outings.

Early exchanges were untidy with United the first to threaten. Robin Van Persie seized on a rare blunder from Alex Song, but was unable to guide the ball beyond the advancing Adrian, much to the relief of the majority among a capacity crowd.

West Ham soon settled. United goal-keeper David De Gea produced a full length save to deny Enner Valencia. Seconds later the pair continued their duel, this time the Spaniard brilliantly fingering over the Ecuadorian's spectacular scissor-kick.

The hectic pace of the game continued with the home side enjoying the better of proceedings.

United were struggling to make any headway, with Van Persie perhaps lucky to escape a card after clashing with James Tomkins.

West Ham pressed on and United were soon indebted to their keeper again. This time De Gea used his feet to keep out Tomkins's header after Aaron Cresswell's free kick.

As the half drew to a close United finally registered a worthwhile effort on goal, but Angel Di Maria's attempt was comfortably fielded by the underworked Adrian.

West Ham needed to turn their superiority into a goal, and just after the restart they made the breakthrough. Makeshift defender Cheikhou Kouyate superbly controlled and spun on Mark Noble's free kick, before drilling low beyond De Gea.

United looked for a way back, but Van Persie's stinging effort went straight into Adrian's midriff, while moments later Falcao was unable to direct his flashing header goalwards following a flowing move down the left.

Van Gaal's men were enjoying their best spell, but the Hammers rebuffed anything the visitors threw at them.

United almost fell further behind when Carl Jenkinson's centre eluded De Gea but drifted agonisingly past an upright. Then leading marksman Diafra Sakho was inches away from making a telling contact with Stewart Downing's pinpoint flag-kick

United adopted a more direct approach and were looking more of a threat. They should have restored parity when Falcao found himself clear on goal, but fired horribly wide when it seemed easier to score.

Soon after substitute Marouane Fellaini headed over after Adrian's poor punch had fallen to the former Everton man. Then Adrian redeemed himself, using his feet to thwart Van Persie as United pressed.
With the game stretched, West Ham

looked to put the contest out of the visitors' reach. De Gea brilliantly denied both Noble and Kevin Nolan in a mat-ter of seconds, while Matt Jarvis passed up a glorious chance, nodding wide with De Gea out of position.

At the other end, Adrian sprung low to his right to keep out Falcao's close range snap shot.

Then deep into stoppage time United broke Hammers' hearts and grabbed the point they scantly deserved.

Dutch international Daley Blind showed excellent technique to volley low past Adrian after latching on to Jenkinson's misplaced clearance.

But the drama wasn't over as in the final seconds referee Clattenburg flashed a second yellow card to United defender Luke Shaw after he was late in the tackle on Downing. Afterwards Allardyce said: "Man-

chester United have David De Gea to thank for keeping them in the game

that long with the amount of saves he had to make.

"It was a fantastic performance but not the result we deserved or wanted. but we are back to a level we know we can play.

"The players gave a terrific performance and should be very proud of what they've done today.

Manchester United manager Van Gaal had mixed views on his team's display, saying: "I thought that we played a very bad first half. When we had the ball, we lost it so easily.

"In the second half after three minutes they scored. I think we gave that goal away. But then my team have shown a fantastic spirit and also fantastic football."

West Ham turn their attentions to the FA Cup on Saturday, when they take on West Bromwich Albion at the Hawthorns, kick-off 12:45pm.

Hawthorns, kick-off 12:45pm.
West Ham United: Adrian, Aaron Cresswell, Kevin Nolan, James Tomkins, Cheikhou Kouyate, Stewart Downing, Diafra Sakho, Mark Noble, Carl Jenkinson, Alex Song, Enner Valencia (Matt Jarvis). Subs: Jussi Jaaskelainen, Joey O'Brien, Morgan Amalfitano, Cariton Cole, Rece Oxford, Elliott Lee. Manchester United: David De Gea, Luke Shaw, Phil Jones, Marcos Rojo, Angel Di Maria, Radamel Falcao (Chris Smalling), Wayne Rooney, Adnan Januzaj (Marouane Fellaini), Daley Blind, Robin Van Persie, Antonio Valencia. Subs: Victor Valdes, Juan Mata, Ander Herrera, Paddy McNair, James Wilson. Referee: Mark Clattenburg
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